

# 2021 HERITAGE PINOT NOIR

*Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County*

## HERITAGESELECTION

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021 vintage was one of low yields and exceptional quality. Though faced with severe drought conditions, our intimate knowledge of the estate (and advanced soil-monitoring) allowed us to coax the vines into yielding a small but concentrated crop across all varieties. The summer was wonderfully uneventful. Harvest began in early September and continued until mid-October when a torrential rainstorm brought it to a decisive close. The year may have offered a lack of rain and moisture but there was no shortage of quality, producing beautiful wines of richness and depth.

### VINEYARD INFORMATION

Eight miles north of San Pablo Bay, the Bundschu family's 165+ year-old Rhinefarm vineyard wraps around the southwest slopes of the Mayacamas Mountains. The terrain below 150 feet elevation features gently sloping Huichica clay loam soils with gravel deposits and cooler growing conditions which deliver minerality and focused acidity. Wines grown in these blocks bear the Sonoma Coast designation to reflect their cool climate character. One distinct block, our Martini Clone Block 15 of Heritage vines planted in 1970 is harvested for this limited bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

After a brief hiatus, our Heritage Pinot Noir has returned with an excellent showcase of how our cool microclimate and maritime influence on Rhinefarm can create such a complex and delicious flavor profile. A beautiful demonstration of our terroir with notes of Tamarind paste, pomegranate and dragon fruit. This limited production Pinot is smooth with fresh and vibrant acidity. Our Heritage Pinot will age well for your next special occasion or enjoy and savor now with a Thai dish or Indian curry.



### COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

### WINEMAKING

3-day cold soak

Extraction through gentle pump-overs and punch downs

Lees stirring for 4 months during secondary fermentation.

### ALC / PH / ACID

Alc: 14.2%

pH: 3.58

TA: 6.2 g/L

### COOPERAGE

10 months, 100%

French Oak, 45% new

Barriques and

Puncheons

### PRODUCTION

320 cases

### PRICE

\$75.00